

March 23, 2007 SGA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

Executives: Marcus Vigil, Joanna Reusser, Ben Peak, and Heather Vigil

Senators: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Mphatso Jumbe(absent), Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, David Romero(absent), Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer

Advisor: Marvin Rasch

Cabinet: Kim Muncie Colleen Verduin and Mindy Troxel

Constituents/Guests: The Preface, Ivan Blount, Amy Hinkleman, and concerned students

Approval of Minutes:

Mitch motioned to approve the March 2, 2007 minutes. Teresa S. 2nd.

In favor: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer

Abstention: Kristina Niere

Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

Teresa S. motioned to open the floor to the constituents. Ngaatendwe 2nd.

In favor: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer

Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

Voicing of Constituents:

n/a

Executive Reports

President:

Marcus said that Congressman Donnelly is coming to campus on March 10th at 3:00p.m. He went to the Strategic Planning and Advising Council meeting, and learned that student housing is waiting on the governor's signature. The Elkhart Center is on schedule; it will be open for Fall 07 classes. The Constitution Committee is putting on final touches on the document. A draft will be emailed out soon.

He said the new Judicial Appointment is Cole Belt, and he encouraged the senate to ask Cole questions.

Vice President:

Joanna appointed Kristina and Jessica as an addition to the Smoking Committee. Joanna wanted results and a formal presentation by next week. Joanna created an Awards Committee with Misty, Teresa G., and Kristina, with Teresa G. as the chair.

In regard to the SGA member of the year, votes need to be in within a few weeks. She explained what the award was and asked for responses to be emailed to Marvin.

Secretary:

Heather had nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Ben passed out the balance statement for the new semester. He said that we had been trying to get more solid numbers for the cost of Get on the Bus. What was handed out was the total allocation for the expense.

Misty motioned to re-open the floor to constituents. Kristina 2nd.
Motion passed.

Ivan Blount had an issue with the dial-up situation with the IU system. After July, the dial-up internet service off campus will no longer be available to students. He would like IT to address this issue. Marvin said that Cable and DSL would not be affected.

Committee Reports:

Ben, from the Campus Safety Committee, said the committee began asking questions on what to do to make the campus safer.

Teresa S. said her meeting was cancelled.

Ngaatendwe, from the Matching Funds Committee, said there would be a packet emailed for SGA to review.

Misty, from the Library Affairs Committee, said that the reference books are being cleared out, and that construction will be starting the week after school is out.

Ben, from the Budget Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation of next year's budget.

Faculty Advisor Report:

Marvin said that stipend forms will be sent out next week.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Mitch motioned to approve the Judicial appointment, Cole Belt. Misty 2nd.

In favor: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer
Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

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Mitch motioned to approve all the committee appointments. Misty 2nd.

In favor: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer
Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

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Misty motioned to approve the budget. Ngaatendwe 2nd.

Misty thought the Budget Committee did an excellent job, but she didn't like the idea of a stipend cut.

Marcus explained that some other clubs are paid only for office hours. He agreed there should be some compensation, but said it wasn't an actual job.

Mitch agreed with Marcus.

Kristina thought the committee did a good job on getting the numbers right. She agreed with Marcus and Mitch. She wanted to be a senator to help the students and said it was nice to get a stipend at all. Her main concern was with arts department's funding being eliminated. She wanted an explanation on the arts decision and the athletics department.

Kim mentioned that in other SGA's, most senators do not get stipends at all. She wanted to know if the SGA computers would be fixed or updated.

Ngaatendwe, then Marcus explained how the arts funding was subsidized. As of fall semester, students will not be required to go to arts event anymore. Marcus said the SGA wants to get out of the business of funding academic programs, because it's inequitable. The student activity fee should go to students. He said he talked to chancellor for administrative support and she loved the idea.

Teresa S. said that she and Marcus tried to help get some issues resolved with the arts department. She does support the program, but the student money should be benefiting students as a whole. She thinks the Committee's plan is a good plan.

Ngaatendwe talked about the athletics budget and said there are still things that could be reduced.

Jason Cytacki, from The Preface, was yielded the floor, and asked why the newspaper got the biggest percentage budget cut. Marcus said The Preface had done a great job, but only 25% of funding was going toward paper, the rest was going to the staff.

Teresa S. suggested a percentage increase in the stipends, which would encourage students to thrive in the SGA.

Kim said the Titan Productions budget issue keeps coming up each year. She feels that their budget isn't proportionate to the SGA budget. She was also concerned about athletics budget. She commented that they spend what they want.

Marcus said that Titan Productions and the SGA are completely different organizations, but have same goal: student life.

Mitch motioned to approve the budget. Jessica 2nd.

Mitch said he was happy with budget, as the Budget Committee planned it.

In favor: Alma Galicia, Seianna Giden, Teresa Granados, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz, Misty Perrin, Teresa Santos, and Mitch Royer

Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

Teresa S. motioned to allocate \$225 to AUSA. Ngaatendwe 2nd.

AUSA meetings at IUSB will be April 5 and 6. Martin's will do the catering. They can use the Student Life credit card, and give back whatever money is not used.

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Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)

Motion carried.

Misty motioned to discuss election committee budget. Ngaatendwe 2nd.
Joanna said the cost would be up to \$200 for signs and snacks.

Mitch motioned to approve up to \$200. Misty. 2nd.

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Opposed: (Mphatso Jumbe and David Romero-absent)
Motion carried.

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Mitch motioned to move to the Good of the Order. Teresa S. 2nd.
Motion passed.

Marvin explained how stipends work for the new SGA members.

Joanna said there is no meeting on April 6, so everyone could attend the Board of Trustees/AUSA meetings. She reminded the senate to do their office hours.

Misty and Kristina gave their phone numbers out.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22p.m.